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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shigetaka KURITA Norihiko HIROSE Masaharu NAKATSUCHI Keizaburo SASAKI

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For: COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD,

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SYSTEM

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response the Office Action mailed March 1, 2004, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks: